there is no proposal to set up Food Plazas at Vishakhapatnam Railway Station.

Security on rail tracks

4691. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the rail tracks are encroached by people and animals due to lack of security; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to increase security on rail tracks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Rail tracks have not been encroached, but Railway land near the railway tracks being in the shape of long and narrow strips, are vulnerable to encroachments and trespasses by people as well as animals at many places. Railways are, however, vigilant in this regard. While instructions already exist for removal of encroachments and prevent trespasses on railway land as per the extant procedure, strict instructions have been given to the Zonal Railways to ensure that no fresh encroachments take place and trespasses are prevented.

Encroachment upon railway land

4692. SHRI ANANTA SETHI:
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large areas of railway land have been encroached at different places;

(b) whether all such lands have been identified;

(c) if so, action taken to get back these lands; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Monitoring and removal of encroachments which exist on some areas of Railway land, is a continuous process. Fresh encroachments are required to be removed as soon as noticed and old encroachments are dealt with as per provisions of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971.

(d) Does not arise.

Provision of first aid box and tool kits on all Railway Stations

4693. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether first aid boxes and tool kits are provided at all Railway Stations and with Guard in all the trains;

(b) if not, how emergency of cases are attended to;

(c) whether these first aid boxes and tool kits are be of great help in relief and rescue operations in cases of accidents;

(d) whether it is a fact that no first aid box was available at Vizag Railway Station on 30th January, 2001; and

(e) whether Government would consider to provide first aid boxes and tool kits immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (e) First Aid Boxes are available at all railway stations and with Guards of all trains. Further a number of important and strategic stations have been identified as model stations which have been provided with augmented first aid boxes for the benefit of the travelling public in times of need. These augmented first aid boxes are kept in the custody of Assistant Station Master/Deputy Station Superintendents as well as with Guards and Train Superintendents of all passenger and mail trains.

Recently, 162 fast and long distance trains have been identified to